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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - IRAN AIR DISCOUNT FARE

1. CONSULTATIONS WERE HELD BETWEEN US AND IRAN DELEGATIONS JUNE 16-17 CONCERNING IRAN AIR'S GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE AND STUDENT DISCOUNT FARES TO WHICH USG HAD EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION UNDER BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT. WHEN IRAN DEL SAID (AS EXPECTED) THAT IRAN AIR WOULD NOT WITHDRAW THE DISPUTED TARIFF, USDEL OFFERED TO ACCEPT DISCOUNT FARE IF IT WERE CONFINED SOLELY TO IRANIAN STUDENTS TRAVELING BETWEEN US AND IRAN AND IF PAN AM ALSO PERMITTED OFFER SAME FARE. IRANDEL EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER NARROWING OF APPLICABILITY OF TARIFF AND OVER PRESSURES IRAN WOULD BE UNDER FROM OTHER AIRLINES IF PAN AM ALLOWED TO OFFER SAME DISCOUNT. HOWEVER, IT ASKED TIME TO STUDY PROPOSAL. WHEN USDEL SAID USG COULD NOT ALLOW EXISTING TARIFF TO REMAIN IN EFFECT INDEFINITELY AND WHEN IRANDEL WAS UNABLE (OR UNWILLING) SAY HOW LONG IT WOULD NEED STUDY US PROPOSAL, USDEL

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SAID THAT US AUTHORITIES WOULD FIND IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT

DEFER ACTION TO SUSPEND EXISTING TARIFF BEYOND JULY 15. WE THEREFORE EXPRESSED HOPE IRANIAN RESPONSE WOULD BE RECEIVED BY THEN.

2. USDEL ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF GOI ADHERING TO AGREED

CAPACITY PROCEDURES. WHILE WE COULD OVERLOOK FACT THAT IRAN AIR'S INITIAL SCHEDULES NOT FILED ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL BASIS, WE SAID WE WOULD HAVE TO INSIST THAT ANY FUTURE IRAN AIR INCREASE IN CAPACITY BE HANDLED IN THIS MANNER, AS REQUIRED BY AGREED PROCEDURES. IRANDEL AGREED. WE ALSO SAID THAT, SINCE GOI HAD NOT OBJECTED TO PAN AM'S ALL-CARGO 747 FLIGHT IN ACCORDANCE PARA (1)(B) OF SECTION A OF AGREED PROCEDURES, IT WAS ESTOPPED FROM WITHHOLDING APPROVAL. IRANDEL ATTEMPTED ARGUE THAT PROBLEMS WERE ONLY OF A TECHNICAL NATURE (GROUND HANDLING AT TEHRAN AIRPORT) BUT WHEN WE READ TO THEM IRAN AIR'S CABLE TO PAN AM RAISING CAPACITY OBJECTIONS IRAN DEL FINALLY SAID THAT OUR INTERPRETATION WAS CORRECT, NAMELY THAT GOI COULD NOT WITHHOLD APPROVAL.

3. IRANDEL CHAIRED BY KAZEMI OF FONOFF, WITH ABOLMAALI OF AVIATION AUTHORITY AND TAJADOD OF IRANAIR PROVIDING MOST OF THE SUPPORT. INGERSOLL

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